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SUBJ: BIO: WALTER PELOSI AND GUISEPPE ZAMBERLETTI
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1. ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, WALTER PELOSI, COMMISSARIO DEL GOVERNO FOR THE VENETO AND PREFECT-DESIGNATE FOR ROME HAS NOW BEEN NAMED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE COMITATO ESECUTIVO PER L'IN-FORMAZIONE E LA SICUREZZA (CESIS); THISPOSITION WAS BEING COVERED BY GAETANO NAPOLITANO FORMER PREFECT OF ROME) BUT THAT ASSIGNMENT APPARENTLY JUST DID NOT WORK OUT, PRIMARILY BECAUSE HE COULD NOT GET ALONG WITH GENERALS SANTOVITO AND GRASSINI WHO HEAD RESPECTIVELY SISMI AND SIDE. NAPOLITANO ALSO HAD THE MISFORTUNE TO HAVE THE MORO CASE ON HIS HANDS.
2. PELOSI HAD BEEN BIDING HIS TIME WAITING TO TAKE OVER AS

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PREFECT OF ROME WHEN LIGHTENING STRUCK. HE APPARENTLY WAS CHOSEN FOR THE JOB ON THE BASIS OF HIS ACKNOWLEDGED EXPERITSE IN INTELLIGENCE MATTERS, HIS SKILL AS A BUREAUCRATIC IN-FIGHTER, AND HIS ABILITY TO GET ALONG WITH THE TWO GENERALS. IT IS ALSO SAID THAT HE HAD RESPONSIBILITY IN THE 1950'S FOR SENSITIVE SECURITY MATTERS FOR BOTH THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE AND THAT OF THE MINISTER OF THE INTERIOR.
3. THE PRESIDENCY OF THE CESIS REMAINS VACANT SINCE ZAM-BERLETTI WHO WAS ORIGINATELY DESTINED FOR THAT JOB LOST
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OUT BECAUSE OF THE FRIULI SCANDALS. HOWEVER, WHILE THE SUBSEQUENT TRIALS UNCOVERED SOME WRONG DOING, IT WAS ALL MINOR-LEAGUE STUFF AND THERE HAS BEEN NO INDICATION OF ANY WIDE-SPREAD CORRUPTION OR MAFFEASANCE. MOST IMPORTANTLY, DESPITE THE BEST EFFORTS OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS, NO ONE HAS BEEN ABLE TO IMPLICATE IN ANY WAY OR MANNER ZAMBERLETTI.

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4. THUS, WE UNDERSTAND THAT HE IS AGAIN IN THE RUNNING
FOR THE CESIS JOB AND THAT THE NOMINATION IS IN THE WORKS
AWAITING THE RIGHT MOMENT. IF HE GETS THE JOB, THE ITALIAN

INTELLIGENCE SERVICE WILL BE HEADED BY A MAN OF GRIT WHOSE
CREDENTIALS AS A HARD-DRIVING, TOUGH AND IMAGINATIVE
LEADERS WERE CLEARLY ESTABLISHED IN THE TRAUMATIC MONTHS
FOLLOWING THE FRIULI EARTHQUAKE. MOEN.

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